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FOR MODULATING NUCLEAR RECEPTOR COACTIVATOR

BINDING

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the Advisory Action, mailed December 8, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application.

Enclosed herewith are:

a) a Petition for extension of time for two (2) months from October 16, 2003, to and including December 16, 2003; b) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE); c) a fee sheet; and d) a Statement of Substance of Interview.

Amendments to the specification begin at page 2 of this response.

A listing of the claims starts at page 4 of this response. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Remarks start at page 10 of this response.

Applicants kindly point out that, as per the discussion of un-entered after-final amendments, and amendments accompanying an RCE, in the Federal Register (Fed. Reg., Vol. 68, No. 125, p.38617 (June 30, 2003)), the amendments presented herein are a comprehensive statement of all desired changes relative to the last entered amendment, filed April 7, 2003.

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